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Messrs. Dockery and Lusk spoke forcefully in support of 20 cents. Mr. Sutton withdrew his amendment

of 18 cents. Mr. Hauser offered an amendment making the tax for schools 18 cents. Mr. Lusk ridiculed this.

Only Hauser voted for the amendment. amendment making the general tax the North Carolina railway from any 21 2-3 cents. It was accepted by Mr.

The taxes finally as fixed are: On polls \$1.35, general 21 2-3 cents, pensions 3 1-3 cents, schools 20 cents. rived from salaries and fees, public or private, ½ of 1 per cent. on excess over | make up their minds. \$1,000, and on gross income from other

sources ¼ of 1 per cent.

taxation. noon and the house took up as a special Halifax county time before the act al- | ter. lowing cattle to run at large three months in the year goes into effect. Mr. Hancock said: "We will kill that

Mr. Johnston said the people of Halifax had been waiting for action on this supplemental bill.

Mr. McKenzie said the farmers of Halifax were up in arms about the bill which had passed; that Haiifax people farm lands were in Halifax.

Mr. Lusk said he understood the matter in dispute was under some way of adjustment. Mr. Hancock moved to postpone con-

sideration until noon tomorrow. Mr. Johnson said he opposed postponement. The house decided to postpone. All the democrats and populists

voted no. The house again went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill. Section 19 was amended by adding: "All persons or firms who keep either private or auction stables shall pay an annual tax of \$25 to the state and \$10

to the county. The liquor dealers tax is 2 per cent. on total purchases, in addition to an ad valorem tax.

Section 23 was amended, on motion of Mr. Hancock, so as to make the license tax of druggists selling spirituous, vinuous or malt liquors \$25, in-

stead of \$50. Section 25, imposing a license tax of \$350 on each manufacturer who engages in the business of selling sewing machines, was discussed at some

Mr. Brown moved to strike out the provision making the penalty for the violation of this law \$200, half to go to the officer making the arrest. The motion prevailed. It was amended so \$10 goes to the officer and \$190 to the state. Taxes on bank stock are to be paid by the cashier directly to the state

Commission merchants, brokers and dealers are taxed 1 per cent. on com-

The tax on dealers in cigars or cheroots 5 cents per 1,000, manufactured tobacco 1/2 cent per pound, cigarettes 15 cents per 1,000, this not to apply to manufacturers, and no county or town can tax such dealers.

The merchants purchase tax 2-10 of 1 per cent.

NIGHT SESSION.

The house met at 7:30 o'clock. Bills pased as follows: To incorporate the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias.

tax payers on the roads of Lenoir county. incorporate Dudley, Wayne county.

To allow Beaufort county to levy a tax and issue bonds. Rev. A. c. Dixon, to establish a town in the mountain section for the en-

ville and Washington railway.

in Lenoir county. A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, of New Hanover, to take up the bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington railway. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Johnson demanded the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill. Messrs. Blackburn and Sutton conferred, and Mr. Sutton went to the speaker's desk and said a few words. Then he took the floor and said: "If the bill can't be found, and as business is being delayed, I am willing to let

the matter go over." A few minutes later the bill was called up and passed its second reading. It was put on its third reading. Messrs. Sutton and Hancock rushed here and there, rallying the faithful. The bill passed, and Mr. Hancock moved to put the "clincher" upon the bill, and by a vote of 50 to 37 this was done. Some populists voted with the

democrats against the bill. The bill, introduced by Mr. Parker. of Wayne, to prevent minors from entering and loafing in bar rooms, billiard rooms and bowling alleys passed The owner of such place is made guilty of a misdemeanor if, after notice by parent or guardian, he allows the minor to enter it, the penalty being \$50. Only two votes were cast against the

He Blames Society for Being a Thief Atlanta, February 24.-Otis Smith

cashier of the Georgia Security and Banking Company, who is in jail for embeazling \$10,000, says his effort to keep up the gait of a swell in society in his cell today to a reporter he said "I did not at first intend to defraud any one. I was in the swim and it took to arraign society, but I am forced to talk about it when I discuss the real asked why I did not go along and do little boxes used on the Erglish railthe best I could on my legitimate income, which was about \$1,200 a year. But it takes money to hold a place in society in Atlanta. If you do not put of the United States for failure to proup the stuff you are not appreciated. So long as you pay for the fun you are a king bee, but the moment you do not get in the push with the cash you are in this respect. The Havana correspondnobody. I was in the push and I had to ent of that journal cables: get money to hold my own. It took money to pay for the theatre parties, germans, suppers, howers and other States government makes no strong efpresents, and I was like the fellow forts to secure protection for the lives who had hold of a galvanic battery; I could not let it go. After once started I had to keep it up or I was lost. There is nothing real or tangible in this society business," he continued. "There is no genuine friendship. You are appreciated for what you do in the way of entertaining and giving pleasure The fellow who comes to the front with the most in the way of giving the girls a nice time is the biggest man in the ring. Let him slack up and he is soo," in the background, but, as I said, I have na arraignment to make of Atlanta society. I paid my way and it tion, took a train for New Orleans, Smith said that he was going west. gave me the best it had."

PARTY CAUCUSES.

Friends of the Lease Bill in the Senate in

Conference-Report of Joint Committee on Education-Russell's Efforts to Settle the Judgeship Squabble.

(Special to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., February 25 .- The special committee of the senate on the lease memorial and bill met this evening and unanimously signed a report Mr. Alexander, of Tyrrell, offered an exonerating the board of directors of and all charges which were made regarding their action in leasing the road to the Southern. The committee then took up Senator Grant's substi-Section 5 was adopted, making the tute lease bill. Four of the six comtax on gross profits and incomes not mitteemen voted to report it favorably taxed, 5 per cent.; on gross income de- tomorrow morning, and two others asked to be allowed until that time to

It is stated tonight that seven populist senators will vote for the substi-Section 6 was also adopted, repealing tute bill of Senator Grant regarding any limitation of or exemption from the lease of the North Carolina railway. Governor Russell requested the The committee of the whole rose at populist majority caucus to confer with him tonight and this was agreed to. order the bill to give the people of The conference was on the lease mat-

The joint committee on education this evening decided to favorably report a bill giving the seven colored state normal schools \$4,000 more annually, also a bill to give \$100,000 additional to the public schools, this to go to townships which by local taxation raise an amount equal to the amount the state allows. The committee reports \$195,000 on hand of the were here; that 10,000 acres of state educational fund, of which \$30,000 is

cash and \$165,000 bonds. Governor Russell is reported to be endeavoring to induce Representative Sutton of Cumberland to be railway commissioner, so he can appoint Walter Henry judge.

The populist caucus met at 8 o'clock It was really a senate caucus of advocates of the lease bill and Senator Moye of Pitt, says it was attended by all the bolters, all straight populists, save Maxwell, who is out of the city, and by three republicans. Senators Sharp of Iredell, Sharp of Wilson, and Hyatt. Senator Moye tells me Governor Russell was not present, but that Judge Avery was and spoke an hour. He urged that the bill which passed the house pass the senate, and attacked Grant's bill, which he read, saying it was a bad one; that it was intended to cause delay and confusion, and contained a bad provision, providing for ratification by private stockholders, as the latter might decline to ratify. Senator Moye tells me twentyfive senators were present. He said nobody was pledged as to vote tomor- the Butler populists." Such were the row. The plan of fight in the senate was arranged, and it was decided to make it a fight to the finish. He says if all stick the house bill will pass. It is difficult to guess what the result will be tomorrow. Senator Moye spoke as if uncertain. He said they had expected twenty-seven votes. Hendersen, a republican, who is against the house bill is sick.

The republicans were in caucus until 12:15 o'clock. A proposition for re-districting the state was submitted. It was not acted on, but was referred to committee. Nothing is definitely settled. A committee from the populist bolters came over and met a republican committee. The matter of selection of a railway commissioner was deferred until tomorrow night and, so was the railway lease matter.

Governor Russell said tonight of Grant's substitute: "It simply gives the North Carolina railway to the Southern on its own terms. It puts the latter in a more profitable position than it was in before the legislature To provide for working delinquent met. It drives the state out of its own courts, confirms and ratifies the lease for thirty-six years, and puts the people in shackles so they are to lie prostrate and gagged without even a voice of protest against the spoilation of the state. It is an attempt to legal-To incorporate Mountain Retreat As- ize the larceny of the people's propersociation, among whose members are ty and to strike them down so they cannot be heard to complain. I suppose they are expected to be thankful couragement of christian work and and duly grateful to the money kings for allowing them to keep the old city To repeal the charter of the Janes- building with an empty treasury. Every senator who wants to protect To levy and collect stock law taxes his state and save the people from this monstrous iniquity should vote down every amendment and pass the bill which has been prepared by competent lawyers."

A Railway Sensation.

(Copyrighted by New York Sun.) London, February 27.-The popular scare over the dangers of the compart ment system of railway travel here, a scare which had its origin in the recent mysterious murder of Miss Camp has been increased this week by two or three fresh outrages. A woman has been the victim in each case, but fortunately the calprits have been arrested. The panic among women travelers is leading to many absurd and ludicrous incidents. One thoughtless indi vidual who found himself alone with a young woman on a Southwestern railway train this week was foolish enough to take out a pocketknife to cut the pages of a magazine. His companion instantely opened the door, although the train was running forty miles an hour, and climbed out on the footboard shricking for help. The passengers in adjoining compartments heard her and signalled to the guard. The train was stopped and the terror-stricken girl rescued. The public panic has become so general that the board of trade has written a 1-tter saying that they are in communication with the railways on the subject, but no plan which would meet general acceptance has been devised. It will seem absurd to Ameri here caused him to go wrong. Talking | can readers that the board's reflection is that "the question is one of much diffaulty and it will continue to receive the best attention of this department." The honest fact is that it is cash to keep in the tide. I do not like simply a matter of expense. Cars of the American pattern weigh for weigh will carry less than half the cause of my downfall. I have been number of passengers conveyed by the

England is the last place in which one would expect to find any criticism tect its citizens in Cuba, and yet even The London Times comments on the weakness of the American government

"There is much comment by all classes on the fact that the United and property of American citizens." This and other independent testimony to the weakness of the American attitude in the face of gross outrage and indignities by the Spanish authorities is arousing deep feeling among the Americans in Furan

His Friends of H to 18 19. Atlanta, Ga., February 27 .- Otis Smith's friends paid the amount of his shortage to the Georgia Security and Panking Company today and he was released from fail. He went direct to the Union sta-

## AN ATTACK ON CAP! L.

HOW THE "STAMP ACT" CLAUSE GOT INTO THE REVENUE BILL.

The Populist Organ Disgusted With its Legislature-It Says None but Ple Ven-Between Senators Grant and McCaskey and the Governor-The Fusionists' Point ed Question Put to Russell-Indignation at Passage of the Newbern Charter Bill. Lobbying Against Dispensary Bills.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel,

Raleigh, N. C., February 24. The leading editorial in Senator Butler's paper today has this heading: "Capital, a Sneak and a Liar." It is written by the state auditor, who in it says he called the special attention of the joint finance committee of the legislature to a plan to secure revenue from hidden wealth, this being that every note, bond or mortgage reprethat it had been listed for taxation by some certificate and if it did not show such evidence it should be non-collectable by law. And so this extraordinary section appears in the "machinery act" introduced last night by the committee. The chairman of the house branch says plainly that the committee ordered this part stricken out, yet there it is in the act. The editorial in Senator Butler's paper concludes: "Capital is an arrant liar, and never tells the truth when it is simply trusted. In order to wring the truth from capital it must be made to show some evidence of its statements. Truth must be forced out of it and hence we favor the above suggested plan."

The same paper says that "unless in ten days there is an almost miraculous change, the record of this legislature will be nothing-absolutely nothing-and it will be the pleasure of the people to see that such a crowd comment on the notable incident. is never again sent here to make laws. It is almost impossible to get the attention of committees to anything which does not carry some job with it The committees are either generally indifferent or pitiably ignorant."

There is now a square issue between Senators Grant, republican, and Mc-Caskey, populist, and Governor Russell. They say he agreed to stand by the action of the republicans and bolter caucuses and appoint the men they named. The governor, the republicans and bolters say, "is trying to play the boss, but can't boss anybody and is a declarations openly made today. Senaphrase himself; and this shows how widely apart he and the governor have drifted. Grant holds that as a point of honor the republicans must stand by their conference committee. Hence it was that the ultimatum of the bolters was iaid before the governor today-Will you appoint Walter R. Henry, the man we have named, for judge? Say yes or no."

The provision in the bill to amend the charter of Newbern which passed the house last night, providing that the mayor and aldermen shall hold office four years is unprecedented. It has aroused the indignation of the populists, as has also the provision in the bill for giving the 6,000 negroes complete control of the 4,000 white voters. Senator McCaskey said last night: "That bill cannot pass the senate." Babbitt, populist, is open in his denunciation of the bill and says: "If the populists let it become a law they cannot possibly defend themselves before the people."

The president of the state liquor dealers association, Frank O'Donnell, of Asheville, is here working hard to defeat all the dispensary bills. He is much pleased with the check the Louisburg dispensary bill received in the house yesterday and hopes to kill all such measures in that body. There are now about 750 barkeepers in the state and nearly twice as many distilleries. The senate corporations committee decided by a vote of 7 to 3 against the bill to turn Fayetteville over to the tender mercies of a police board. A minority report will favor the bill.

Affairs in Crete.

Canea, Crete, February 24.-Fire was discovered at an early hour this morning in the governor's palace, a building constructed of wood, and in a very short time the structure, with all its contents, was burned to the ground. During the progress of the fire there was considerable excitement in the town, but there is reason to believe that the fire was not of incendiary origin, but was due to accident.

The foreign vice-consuls at Retimo announce that the Turks declare that they will accept annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The anouncement has caused a great sensation. Vi nna February 24.-Greece has

been ordered by the powers to evacuate Crete at once. This action is the result of a circular note recently sent to the powers by the government of Russia requesting them to join them in a demand that the sultan authorize the powers to act jointly in the pacification of Crete and the organization of a system of autonomy for the island, retaining the intregrity of the Turkish empire. The assent of the powers to this proposal having been obtained, the notice to Greece to evacuate followed.

Constantinople, February 24.-Dispatches have been received by the Turkish government, saying that 600 Greek troops, with three guns and a large supply of ammunition have been landed at Chersonesus, in the province of Candia, Island of Crete. The Greeks were directed by an insurgent

The McKinley Inauguration Train.

Pittsburg, Pa., February 24.-The special train conveying President-elect McKinley and his guests from Canton to Washington, will be known as the "Pennsylvania Railroad Venetian Red," all the cars composing the special being finished in that tint within and without. The train will consist of a baggage car, one dinner car, two Pullman sleepers, the Ardin and the Delphi, for the accommodation of the inaugural committee and representatives of the press and special Pennsylvania railroad car Nos. 505 and 38, which will be occupied by Major McKinley, his family and personal friends. The train will leave Canton Monday, March 1st, 8 o'clock p. m., and is due in Pittsburg at 11:15 p. m., eastern time: in Altoona at 3:05 a. m.; in Harrisburg at 6:45 a. m.; in Baltimore at 9:40 a. m., and in Washington at 11 a. m., March 2nd.

Charges Aminet a City Official. Atlanta, Ga., February 27.-Charles W. Joiner, formerly an employe of the city's sanitary denartment, has preferred charges against the head of the department, Thomas E. Veal. Joiner charges that Veal's buying and selling for the city were dishapest, and that he used the citu's sunnlies for his own nersonal livestock. Joiner also says that Veal made friends, among others a woman.

COMING TO T RMS. 15.4.2f

The Governor and Bolters Hold a Conference-Settling Their Differences as to Appointments-Hushing, Up the Hyatt Alexander Fight.

(Sepcial to The Messenger.) Raleigh, N. C., February 27.-It is asserted that while populist batters dors Need Knock at its Doors-An Issue have made up their lists of directors of institutions, yet Governor Russell will not, in all cases, appoint these selected, but will take some other populists satisfactory to the bolters. It is said this course meets with the bolters' approval. This is the real reason why the list of selections was not given out last night.

J. C. L. Harris, says tonight that Governor Russell and the bolting populist committee had a long conference today and that matters are in process of adjustment; that they are practically settled. So far as the directors of the penitentiary and asylums are consenting a solvent credit should show cerned, and that the penitentiary bill will not be hung up much longer in the senate. Harris was present at the conference. He says the judgship matter is no fixed yet; that Henry will hardly get the judgship, but will be given something equally as good; that the Governor wishes to appoint Sutton judge.

Jim Young's bill to amend the charter of Raleigh is favorably reported by the committee, though Mayor Russ objected to it.

Senator Hyatt decided this morning not to rise to a question of personal privilege in the senate today regarding the trouble between Private Secretary Alexander and himself. Republicans are now trying to stop any further

Hancock reported favorably in the house today the bill to increase the annual appropriation to the state guard to \$15,000; also a bill to give Charlotte a police commission. The latter bill is made a special order for Tuesday noon.

author of the insurance deposit law change. Two years ago the populist

introduced in the house today. Hauser, of Lenoir, squelched Blackmuch he loved local self-government. the bill to allow the governor to name during and after the caucus. Wilmington's aldermen. Blackburn was literally knocked out.

The Fruit Growers and Truckers.

Fruit Growers and Truckers' Association met at Wallace on Tuesday to discuss the question of the appointment of a shipping master and the establishment of a certal office in Wilmington.

The meeting was called to order by President W. L. Hill, of Wallace, and Mr. J. Henry Moore, of Burgaw, was elected secretary.

The roll of directors was called and the object of the meeting was fully explained by the chairman and Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Faison. It was explained that it would be advantageous to employ a shipping master with a central office at Wilmington and that his duties be to superintend shipments from the various stations, to look after the condition of shipments, to keep posted on the markets and advise as to the distribution of shipments to the various markets.

The question was then thoroughly discussed, and on motion, it was decided to employ a snipping master and establish his office at Wilmington.

Mr. G. W. Westbrook, of the New Hanover association, called attention to the necessity of reasonable rates for the shipment of produce to the northern market. On motion the president was empowered to look into the matter of rates at once. Also to see about rates to local markets.

Mr. McMillan, of Magnolia, spoke of the advantages of a train on Saturday evenings for the benefit of the truck ers along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. On motion Messrs. W. L. Hill and G. W. Westbrook were appointed a committee to wait on the railroad authorities with a view to getting the Saturday evening trains put on during the shipping season for strawberries.

As to the matter of sheds at the railroad for the benefit of shippers, Mr. S. Westbrook, of Mt. Olive, reported that they had got from Mr. J. R. Kenly, general manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, substantially what was

wanted in this particular. The matter as to the best, quickest and most reliable manner of securing market reports daily was discussed at some length. Mr. J. S. Westbrook moved that the association apply to persons who get up the market reports with reference to the matter. The motion was adopted.

The directors called upon Mr. B. D. Jones, of New York, to express his views on the matter of getting the iatest and most direct market reports. In his remarks he gave some information on the matter and discussed the necessity for shipments to get to market in good condition in order to command good prices. He said berries were handled too roughly by the railroads and declared that a stop should be put to it. He said berries or be handled by hand and not with trucks, as is now done.

On motion of Mr. McMillan the directors were authorized to en the executive committee to employ an attorney to look after the claims of the members of the association.

Mr. McMillan moved that a demand be made on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the proper and safe handling of berries, and that a written guarantee be secured from the California Fruit Transportation Company for the safe delivery of shipments in the several markets. The motion was adopted. Messrs. C. W. Woodward, S. W. Westbrook and W. M. Hubbard addressed the association on several matters of interest, after which an adjournment was taken.

Against Quick Divorces.

Bismarck, N. D., February.-The house today passed a bill extending the period of residence from three months to one year before action for divorce can begin. The bill carried an emergency clause, declaring that the state and its judiciary is scandalized and the moral standing of the state degraded by the conduct of those who come to this state for divorce purposes only.

A Fire at Newbern.

Raleigh, N. C., February 27 .- A special to The Tribune from New Bern, N. C. says: Robert & Seymour Hancocks office was burned at 5 o'clock this morning. Loss \$1,500, a total loss; no insurance. The fire was of incendiary origin,

## OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SIX MONTES TERMS IN THE POW-ER OF THE PEOPLE.

The House Committee Considering the School System Bill Trustees of the State Normal School-The Legislature Not to Purchase the Portrait of Senatur Vance. The "Stamp Act" Clause of the Revenue Bill Stricken Out-Legislators Appropriating the Offices.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., February 27.

The state board of education recommends to the legislature the appointment of the following as trustees of the state Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro: J. A. Blair, Fifth district; A. S. Peace, Fourth district; E. A. Moye, First district.

The price asked for the great painting of Senator Vance now on view in the capitol is \$2,500. Members of the legislature say it will not be purchased.

The fight between Senator Hyatt and Governor Russell's private secretary was an event second only in importance to the railway lease bill. It certainly created a sensation. There was talk at once of creating a committee to look into the matter.

There is much pleasure in the fact that the house finance committee's chairman has stricken from the "machinery act" the portion of a section making mortgages, notes, open accounts, etc., non-collectable unless they bear some evidence of having been annually listed for taxation.

The charter of the Jamesville and Washington railroad is revoked by the legislature. W. E. White, who was defeated last

night in the republican caucus in the vote for railway commissioner, by D H. Abbott, has some strong supporters who express deep indignation at some of the proceedings. They charge unfairness in the balloting. The populist bolters refused to give

out the names of the men they chose last night as directors of state institu-John B. Kenney, of Raleigh, is the tions. They said they were subject to and republican members of the legislature grabbed for nearly all the offices in sight and were held up to scorn. An burn in the house today, Blackburn effort made last night to get the boltgovernor without a party unless it be was making a speech declaring how ers not to take any of the "pickings" themselves failed signally. One bolter was angry because not enough got in. tor Grant used the latter part of the Hauser asked him why he voted for He did a great deal of plain talking

The eastern republicans, Hancock for instance, are violently angry at the declaration of Judge Ewart that the western republicans do not propose that the bills taking charge of the The directors of the East Carolina eastern cities and towns shall pass the senate.

The 400 students of the state Normal and Industrial school sent the following telegram to Dr. J. L. M. Curry: "To him who has generously support ed and nobly fought for us we send glad tidings." The glad tidings were of the passage of the additional appropriation bill.

A bill has passed the legislature set ting apart \$30,000 of the educational fund for stimulating local taxation for common schools, and now a bill is favorably reported giving \$100,000 more. The amount of allowance will be apportioned to each township, to be paid as soon as the people of that particular township, in any manner, raise the like sum. This plan really means six months public schools all over the state, if the people rise to the height of the situation.

Today was the forty-sixth of the legislative session, leaving fourteen work ing days yet remaining. Raleigh comes to the front with the 'infant prodigy"-a negro child which

it is declared, has talked from its The house committee on education has now under consideration the general educational bill which was passed by the senate. The committee took up the bill today and considered it by sec-The bill will be taken up again tomorrow at the evening sitting of the committee. The committee had before it yesterday President Holliday, of the white Agricultural and Mechanical college, and President Dudley, of the colored Agricultural and Mechanical college. These men appeared to discuss the bill which has been introduced to apportion to the colored Agricultural and Mechanical college a portion of the land script fund which, it is claimed, was intended for it by the law set ting this fund aside. No action was

## "DR. MILES,

taken on this bill. Consideration of it

was resumed today.

Through His Nervine Is a Benefactor to Thousands."



WIDELY known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 6th, 1895, as follows:

"Five years ago I became so nervous that mental work was a burden. I could not rest at night on account of sleeplessness. My attention was called to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I commenced to use it with the very best effect. Since then I to obtain the release of the Moslems have kept a bottle in my house and use it who are besieged there. The result is whenever my nerves become unstrung, with awaited with anxiety, as the continued always the same good results. My son also Dr. Miles' takes it for nervousness with like never failing

Nervine success. I have recommended it to many and Restores it cures them. All who Health. troubles should try . suffer from ner' It is free from narcotics, perfectly harmless, and yet soothes and strengthens. Dr.

Miles brough his Nervine is a benefactor to thousands." A. C. LEHMAN. Editor and propultor of DER LANDSMAN Dr. Miles' North is sold on guarantee first bottle will .....t or money refunded. FOR WAR WITH CUBA.

Bill Declaring War Introduced in he House - Senate Committee Considers Cuban Affairs Paramount to All Other Legislation - Question of Lee's Resignation -Congratulations to the Consul Gen.

Washington, February 25.-The senate committee on foreign relations held a special meeting this morning for the purpose of again considering the resolution reported yesterday, instructing the president to demand the immediate release of Julio Sanguilly, an Amrican citizen now confined in prison in Cuba. This meeting was forced by the attitude of the members of the committee on appropriations who through Chairman Allison, gave notice yesterday afternoon that all business must give way to appropriation bills. The committee on foreign relations believes that the situation in Cuba demands the attention of the senate fully as much as do the appropriation measures, especially in view of the treatment of Sanguilly and the repeated violations of the treaty rights of Americans in the island. The case was carefully discussed this morning and the committee reached the unanimous conclusion that the senate could afford to wait no longer for Spain to keep her promise made to Secretary Olney to release Sanguilly and the decision was reached to insist upon the consideration and passage of the resolution to the opposition of appropriation measures and everything else.

The report that Consul General Lee had been given his passports by the Spanish authorities in Cuba caused a flutter at the senate end of the capitol, where the action of the senate committee on the Sanguilly case has revived interest in Cuban affairs. Senators are guarded in their utternaces, preferring to await some confirmation of the report before committing themselves to statements that were on the tip ends of their tongues. It is not beyond the truth to say that a very considerable portion of the senate hopes the report is accurate, for they say that nothing short of an overt act on the part of Spain sufficient to compel this government to assert itself will bring the trouble on that island to an end or bring about the protection of American citizens.

The house foreign affairs committee this morning agreed to a substitute for the severa! resolutions that had been referred to it, calling upon the president for all the information not previously sent to congress bearing upon the arrest, imprisonment and treatment of American citizens in Cuba. The substitute was adopted without division. The statement was made upon the

floor of the house today upon the authority of a prominent southern congressman, that Consul General Lee had resigned his office. The congressman stated that he had seen the dispatch from the consul general at the state department and that Secretary Olney had requesed that official not to press the resignation, until after the expiration of the present administration. The dispatch in question was received at the state department either Tuesday night, or Wednesday morning.

Government officers, however, continue to deny the truth of the statement that General Lee's resignation has been received at the department of state. It is not denied that there has been friction between General Lee and the department, but confidence is expressed that General Lee will be found at his post up to and including March 4th. It is said that in cabling the department last week in regard to the Ruiz and Scott cases. General Lee closed as follows: "If I am not supported my usefulness here will end and I had better be re-called." This, it is thought, may be the dispatch from which the resignation stories have arisen.

Mr. Sulzer, of New York, offered in the house, a bill "declaring war between the kingdom of Spain and her colonies, and the United States of America, and their territories." The measure reads as follows:

"That war be declared to exist between the kingdom of Spain and her colonies and the United States of America and their territories; and that the president is authorized to use the whole land and naval force of the United States to carry the same into effect. and to issue to privately armed vessels of the United States commissions or tions. About half of the sections were letters of marque and general reprisal, considered and were passed upon fat in such form as he may think proper vorably, with very slight amendment. and under the seal of the United States, against the vessels, goods and effects of the government of the said kingdom of Spain and the subjects thereof." The measure was referred to the

committee on foreign relations. New York, February 25.-The following is a copy of a cablegram sent to General Fitzhugh Lee today:

"New York, February 25, 1897. General Fitzhugh Lee, Havana. "The Cuban League of the United States, representing the unanimous sentiment of the American people, cordially congratulate you for your patriotic stand. It redeems our country to some degree from a load of infamy imposed by some of its leading officials.

"President Cuban League of the

United states."

ETHAN ALLEN.

The Cretan Situation More Complicated. Canea, Crete, February 27 .- The Greek steamer Theseus has been seiz ed by a British torpedo boat belonging to the United fleet while attempting to land provisions and munitions of war for the Greek troops at Platania. Three members of the Greek chamber of deputies, M. Papakianas. Espanis

and Razelo, were on board the captured vessel. A sharp fight took place yesterday between Moslems and Christians near Retimo. The Moslems were repulsed with small loss.

London, February 27.-The Sunday Sun has a dispatch from Athens saying that 100 Moslems were killed in a attle that occurred yesterday Retimo. The dispatches adds that the Moslems retreated, leaving the Christians masters of the field.

Athens, February 27.-In view of the fact that the chamber has not been in session for some days past, the leaders of the opposition met today and signed a protest, which was presented to the king. The protest declares that the crown is entitled to act alone in such a case as the present, and if I' does not act the opposition cannot be

answerable for the situation. Canea, February 27 .- Colonel Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, has promised to use his influence with the insurgents at Selino confinement of the Moslems is causing

dread of reprisals. London, February 27.-The Observer will tomorrow publish a dispatch from Paris saying that alarming rumors are in circulation there. If these rumors are true they show that the situation is extremely grave. Two of the rumors receive credit. One of them concerns Russia's attitude toward the policy of Greece, an attitude which, apparently, nothing will mitigate. The other is to the effect that the Dragoman attached to the Russian embassy at Constantinople has notified the porte that Russia will occupy Armenia if hostili-

ties break out.